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FOREWORD

For a number of years, the Seniors have published for their own class members a year book--a record of their activities. When the possibilities of a publication were discussed this year, it was decided to attempt a school year book instead of one just for the graduating class. It is hoped that such an undertaking this year may be the beginning of a better publication in future years.

A book of this kind expresses certain ideals of the school. It exemplifies the spirit of the school through its organizations and its activities. It is our sincere hope that the students of Edison High have contributed to achieving worth-while dreams for all.

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GREETINGS

Every student, teacher and member of this community can take pride in their schools. We of Edison High School are proud of our accomplishments and know that they are the result of the fine spirit of helpful co-operation that exists between students, teachers, and members of the community.

We recognize that the schools are the hope of America and have tried to assume that responsibility. We have tried to gain a better knowledge so that we may solve the common problems of human needs and make our community a better place in which to live.

Best wishes to each of you for greater accomplishments!

F. R. Stroube

F. R. Stroube, Principal

HISTORY OF EDISON

All great institutions like all great men have their small beginnings and Edison High School is no exception. We sometimes think of Edison as a small school, but we have come a long way in the thirteen years since the first high school classes were organized in East Gary. Much water can flow under the bridge in that time, but much progress can also be made in the same length of time. We have made some mistakes and we have made some very successful achievements in the history of our school; however, let us have a glimpse of the beginning.

The eastern portion of the Central School building was built in 1914, but the west half was not added until 1928. It had been the custom of the School Town to pay the transfer tuition of the high school students of East Gary to send them to Emerson of Gary. This procedure was followed until the Central Building was remodeled. The first high school classes were therefore organized in September, 1928 when the 9th grade was added to the traditional eight-grade system. Mr. Kenneth J. Wright was the principal of the Central School in 1928-29 and Mr. Harry Condon became the first high school teacher. This first freshmen class left a land mark by which they may long be remembered when they gave the tall flagpole which stands in front of the Central Building as a parting gift when they transferred to the Emerson School at the close of their Sophomore year. The following year the tenth grade was added to the high school and Mr. Condon succeeded Mr. Wright as principal. This year is also memorable in the history of our school as it brought Miss Hilda I. Eshelman, Edison's beloved Dean of Girls to East Gary as a teacher. Mrs. Hazel Crawford was also employed as a part time teacher that year. The ninth and tenth grade were located in the two west rooms and one of the east rooms upstairs in the Central Building. Yes, they had a basketball team that year and several games were played, but in order to have a team it was necessary to use some of the boys from the 8th grade. Mr. George B. Garland, who is now the principal and teacher of 7th and 8th grades at Ainsworth, was the coach of that first team. Mr. Willis H. McAllister, who is now a teacher in the Merrillville High School was a member of the faculty of that year. Mr. A. E. Steele succeeded Mr. Harry Condon as principal in 1931-32 and Mr. Ralph Napier joined the faculty this year as coach of the basketball team and a teacher in the high school. The present high school building was under construction at this time and everyone was anxiously looking forward to the time when they could occupy the new building.

The school was organized as a junior high school in 1932-33 and the 11th grade was added when the school moved into the Edison Building in September of that year. Miss

Mary E. Mason and Mr. Paul Steele were added to the faculty, and the East Gary School had added Home Economics and Industrial Arts.

The 7th and 8th grades were returned to the Central Building in the fall of 1933-34 and the first Senior class in the history of the school very proudly laid down tradition for future graduating classes. Mr. Virgil Bailey succeeded Mr. A. E. Steele as principal in 1933-34, and perhaps the most important thing that happened during the year was the addition of Mr. Reeder Stroube to the faculty as science teacher and coach of girl's physical education and basketball. Mr. Stroube succeeded Mr. Bailey as principal of the high school in 1935-36 and has served in that capacity since. Miss Hazel Hartley joined the faculty in the middle of the year 1934-35, while Mr. Doyle D. Baliff, Josephine Chapman, and Hilda Woollard were also new members. Mr. Baliff became the coach the next year and has done much to give Edison a favorable position in athletics in this part of the state. Miss Hartley has developed the commercial department until at present it is almost double its size in 1934-35. The commercial department does excellent work and many girls and a few boys have received valuable training in this field. Alfred Schara, dynamic teacher of shop and coach of track joined the East Gary faculty at the second semester of 1935-36; Elizabeth Mills was also a faculty member in that year, and Miss Carol Nuss succeeded Miss Woollard, and Miss Chrystelle Hoar became music superivisor. Miss Viola C. Englehardt came in 1937-38. Mr. Wenger did much to improve the English department and did especially fine work in public speaking and dramatics. Harold F. Weber, Louise Pemberton and Bruce Brubaker became members in 1938-39. Mr. Weber has done some fine work in the wood shop, and Miss Pemberton's work in Art has been outstanding. The progress of band work in East Gary has been remarkable under the able guidance of Mr. Brubaker, who had to start without even the nucleus of a band when he came. The band has been very solidly supported by the community through the Band Boosters organization. Miss Dorcas Anderson and Miss Thelma Carr came to East Gary in 1939-40. Miss Carr's work in girl's physical education has been very good.

In 1940-41 a school library was organized and Mrs. Dana Brown became our first Librarian. Mrs. Brown was not new to the East Gary system, but was transferred to Edison from Columbus school where for many years she had been a successful teacher. Miss Evelyn Leberer is our most recent addition to the faculty, having succeeded Miss Carr who resigned to accept a position in Niles, Michigan.

The progress of some of our departments has been gradual but very sure. The policy of the Board of Trustees has had to be one of conservation because of lack of finance. However, the woodshop is now in very good shape, having several

very fine wood working machines. The science department has some very good equipment which has been added from time to time; this department should have more room and further equipment. The commercial department is in good condition and now has 22 good machines against the original 10 used-machines which constituted its first equipment.

Many valuable reference books have been added to the school library which started with practically nothing in 1928.

The use of the lengthened period was started in 1933 and the first supervised study was begun in that year. This is a decided improvement over the short recitation period.

The burden of financing the schools weighs less heavily on the local community now than it did before the high school was established. In 1927 the assessed valuation of property in East Gary was $2,746,495.00 as against $2,112,000.00 in 1940; the tax rate in East Gary in 1927 was $3.10 per $100.00 of assessed valuations and in 1940 it was $1.84. This reduction in tax rate and assessed valuation has been accompanied by an increase in school enrollment from 630 in 1927 to more than 900 in 1940-41. The change in method of school finance in the state, whereby the state contributes to the support of the local schools, has helped make this possible. Another factor which has aided greatly is the fact that the per capita cost of education of the high school student has been reduced during this time from $174.78 per year in 1931-32 to $88.59 per year in 1939-40.

The high school building was built in 1931-32 at a cost of more than $60,000.00 for building and equipment, all of which has been paid except $3000.00. The School Board, however, had accumulated a cash reserve at the time of constructing the building almost sufficient to pay for it. This cash reserve which the Board was accumulating partly accounted for the extremely high tax rate in 1927.

The subject offering of the school has been increased until there are four separate curricula for which the high school student may qualify.

The increased offering of subject matter makes it possible to serve better the needs of the local community. It is the hope of the school officials that our school will be able to continue increasing the offering until every boy and girl in the community can find something in which he is especially interested.

Including the seniors of 1941 we have had approximately three-hundred graduates of the high school. It is especially gratifying to know we have more students each year who are qualifying for and attending institutions of higher learning.

In view of the above fact, and because we have adopted a rule which requires an average scholarship of 85% for the four years for a student to be eligible for recommendation for college entrance, I think it advisable to call the attention of all undergraduates to the advisability of attempting to improve their study habits and thereby increase their scholastic standing. Research studies have shown there is a definite relationship between grades and earning ability in later life. If every student realized fully that he is working for himself rather than for the instructor, his study habits and his scholastic standing would show a definite improvement. Edison high school, like all public schools in America, exists for the sake of the students rather than the teachers. I do sincerely hope our school will develop a better standard of scholarship in the future, because there is no other way in which the individual student can profit so much.

Our earnest desire is that the future of our school may far outshine its past history, but, if it does, it will be due more to the efforts of the individuals who comprise the student body than to the efforts of any other person or persons.

The school spirit of the student body in Edison High has for years been very good. The members are loyal and cooperative in every respect. Their citizenship has generally been good and most students are courteous and polite. Someone has said, "Good is never permissible when better is attainable." Therefore, we hope that those conditions which are good may continue to improve in the future.

With pleasant recollections of the past and fondest hopes for the future, I wish the seniors of '41 "bon voyage."

Virgil Bailey

Virgil Bailey
Supt. of East Gary Schools

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Senior Class Advisor and
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Latin, Mathematics, English

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Central Normal College
Sophomore Class Advisor
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Junior Class Advisor
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Coach

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Ball State Teachers College
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Sophomore Class Advisor
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North Park College
Valparaiso University
Freshman Class Advisor
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EVELYN LESERER, B.S.

Indiana State Teachers College
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Science, Home Economics,
Physical Education

DANA BROWN, B.S.

Indiana State Teachers College
Indiana University
Chicago University College
Freshman Class Advisor
Science, Social Studies,
Librarian

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Senior Treasurer, Senior Play, Sunshine Treasurer, Editor - Eagle Feathers

WILLIAM RAMSAY

Senior President, Wrestling, Boxing, E Man's, Senior Play

JOHN BENEDICT

E Man's, Track, Baseball, Basketball, Senior Vice-President

FRANK A. SABO

Senior Secretary, Track, Assistant Editor of Eagle Feathers, Commercial Club

RICHARD D. ANDERSON

Freshman Treasurer, Sophomore President, Band President '38, E Man's, Basketball, Track and Cross Country, Commercial Club, Class Plays

BILL BAKER

Secretary E Man's, Boxing, Baseball

HELEN BASHICK

Sunshine Society, G. A. A., Senior Play

CARL BAUMEISTER

Junior and Senior Plays

ARTHUR BOLINT

E Man's, Basketball

R. DALE BONNER

Senior Manager, Band, Senior Play, Commercial Club

JOHN BORSEN

Basketball, Baseball, President E Man's '41

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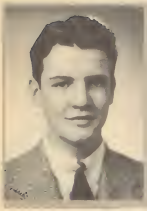
Sunshine Society, G. A. A., Commercial Club



LEROY R. BROWN

LORRAINE BYMAN

Treasurer Commercial Club,
President Sunshine Society
G. A. A., Class Plays,
National Music Solo - Harp

SHIRLEY CHERRIER

Sunshine Society, G. A. A.

MERLE CONRY

Operetta, Senior Play

BELLE COULTER

Sunshine Society, G. A. A.,
Vice-President Commercial Club,
Class Plays, Sunshine Plays,
Operetta

DOROTHY CRAGO

Sophomore Vice-President,
Commercial Club-Vice-President '40 and President '41,
Sunshine Society, Business
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Wrestling, Junior Treasurer

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Wrestling, Basketball,
Commercial Club,
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E Men's

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...mercial Club

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Commercial Club

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Track, E Men's

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...restling, Baseball,
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Sunshine Secretary, O. A. A.
President, Junior President,
O.A.A. Secretary, Cheer Leader,
Operetta, Senior Play

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Junior Play

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Boxing

...IE LINDBERG

...ts Editor-Eagle Feathers,
...restling, E Men's

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Senior Play

JOAN MacDONALD

Sunshine Society, O. A. A.,
Junior Play

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President and Secretary of Band

EDNA MAE OMEY

Sunshine Society, G. A. A., Senior Play

JOHN WILLIAM O'ROURKE

E Men's, Basketball, Baseball

LUCILLE OWEN

Sunshine Society, G. A. A., Commercial Club

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Operetta, Junior Play, Commercial Club

JOYCE DEAN RANGER

Sunshine Society, G. A. A., Commercial Club

JOSEPH SHUDICK

Boxing

JACK SLEASE

Boxing

MARY TARRANT

Sunshine Society, G. A. A., Commercial Club

CLASS POEM

We entered Edison High School, in the year of "37",
With a very determined spirit, a class of three score and
eleven,

The first year we were quite raw and also exceptionally green,
They hazed us up and down the school; we weren't to be heard
or seen.

Our class was very well equipped with might and brawn and brain,
And we were quite determined to increase the hall of Edison
fame.

Our sophomore year some members of our class dropped out of
sight--
They had all the knowledge their brains would hold, and
couldn't keep up the fight.

The rest of us just plowed right on, determined that at last
A signed diploma we'd receive, when our four years had passed.

In our junior year we gave many parties, plays, and dances;
And this was the beginning of many puppy-love romances.

The year was drawing to a close and things began to pop--
The big event for all the year, the final junior hop.

The Prom we thought a great success, we held it the fourth
Of May;
Beautiful Hawaii was the setting, Hawaiian music gay.

We lost a few more members, this our junior year,
And more were yet to go before our last school day was here.

Our senior year arriving, with relief our members sighed.
We strutted up and down the halls for we were dignified.

Our senior year was quite eventful, accomplishments were great;
But the time was drawing closer when at last we'd meet our fate.

A Prom again--this time was given in honor of our class;
It was attended by one and all, each with his lad or lass.

Graduation day at last is here and the time has come to go.
Best wishes to you, other classes, may you thrive and grow!

We say goodbye! We must admit it's been a lot of fun,
And there'll never be another class like the class of "41."

--By Richard Dunn Anderson and John Samuel Husted

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Seniors entered Edison this year with the determination to make it one of the best years of their lives. Work has been coupled with fun, and the high-school days will be looked back upon with many happy memories.

The activities for financial gain have included a dance in the fall and another in February, and a roller-skating party at the Atlas Rink in Chesterton on May 5.

A Senior Party was held at the Scout Cabin in September. The Senior Play, "One Mad Night," was presented May 21, under the direction of Miss Nelson.

The publication of the yearbook has been one of the major undertakings of the class, and the committee has appreciated greatly the cooperation of all in the publication of it--especially those who worked so faithfully and untiringly on stencils and mimeographing.

It has been a pleasant year and all hesitate to say "Farewell!"

BACCALAUREATE

The Baccalaureate, the first of the graduating activities for the forty-seven Seniors, was held Sunday, May 18, in the Edison auditorium. The processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar, was played by Sara Goetze. Following this was a vocal solo, "The Prayer Perfect" by Riley-Stenson, sung by Virginia Foster. Other musical numbers included a cornet solo, "Hyacinth Polka" by Vander Cook, played by Dale Cobble; and the clarinet quartet, "Petite Quartet" by Crosse, played by Clifford Jefferis, Warren Prince, Alverissa Faupel, and Jack Walley.

The address of the evening was given by The Reverend F. X. Guerre. Very challenging thoughts were given on "The Laws of Life," based upon The Ten Commandments.

Lucille Jacobs, a senior student, capably offered the invocation and benediction.

COMMENCEMENT

The long-awaited occasion arrived Friday, May 23. Following the precedent set by the Class of '40, student speakers were used--chosen from those having the highest scholastic rankings for seven semesters' work in high school. Those appearing as speakers were Dorothy Crago, Lorraine Byman, Smith Goetze, Natalie Iaynski, Frank Hyde, Patty Minard, and William Ramsay. Jack Husted, salutatorian relinquished his privilege as speaker to Lorraine Byman. William Mundorf and Richard Anderson offered the invocation and benediction, respectively. American Legion awards for the outstanding girl and the outstnding boy were presented by A. B. Daugherty. Diplomas were presented to the graduates by Mr. Bailey, Superintendent of the East Gary Schools.

CLASS WILL

We, the Class of 1941 of Edison High School, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this, our last will and testament.

To our principal and our teachers we leave blessed peace, calm days and peaceful nights, undisturbed by the harrowing problems that we as a class presented them.

To them, too, we leave memories. Memories, that in days to come will soften and grow mellow, and finally serve only as amusing tales to brighten their autobiographies.

Of even greater value, we leave our erstwhile instructors and guardians a vast fund of experience. Experience that will help them, we hope, to meet the problems of future senior classes with fewer headaches and greater optimism.

To our successors, the Junior Class, we leave our prestige, our dignity, and our seats in the senior class rooms. In addition we bequeath to them the joy and zest of competing for class honors, a taste of sorrow for those who don't quite make the grade, and quiet pride for those who do.

We leave them the joys of anticipation, regret for lost opportunities and the many impressive resolutions we made during the past year. Unfortunately the resolutions are a bit battered, but perhaps the Juniors can patch them up and keep them in better condition than we did.

For the sophomores, alas, we have nothing to offer that would seem of value to them. What could we leave them? The class that has everything. Brains, beauty and an inexhaustible supply of self-esteem. At the moment they are enjoying that most enviable of all sensations--the assurance that the world is their apple, and a nice rosy apple at that. All we can give them is our sincere hope that they can stand up under the shock when they discover, as they will, that even the most tempting looking apple can conceal a worm in its core.

To the freshmen, bless their hearts, we bequeath all our dreams that didn't come true, our ambitions that we never quite achieved, and our once shining belief in the essential rightness of all things. We leave them the unequalled joy of giggling at nothing; the pains and pleasures of puppy love, which they will be very sure is not puppy love; and the thrill of discovering unsuspected talents within themselves.

To all those who will one day be students at Edison High School we leave all that has been most precious to us during our school days here. The power to make lasting friendships; the breathtaking thrill of watching a basketball team

carry the red and black of Edison to a glorious victory, and the heartbreaking thrill of watching a gallant team go down fighting to a glorious defeat.

We leave them the glow of satisfaction that comes from representing their school on the field of honor; companionship, and laughter, and the ever increasing enjoyment of life that comes with increasing knowledge.

To our teachers, to the underclassmen, and to the future students; to all those who share and will share the love we feel for Edison High school, we leave our blessing and our solemn pledge of unwavering loyalty.

--Class of '41

JUNIORS
SOPHOMORES
FRESHMEN

JUNIOR CLASS

FIRST ROW--Donna Mansfield, Evelyn Clark, Grace Ward, Georgiana Hott, Helen Schulze, Bestrice Thoesen, Clara Izynski, Esther Harmon, Helen Dorochoff, Mildred Barbknecht, Agnes Maretich, Mary Tanner, Norma Jaster.

SECOND ROW--Miss Leberer, June Campbell, Sue Marks, Billie Kimbrell, Mary Baker, Marguerite Young, Helen Zurie, Wanda Bakalska, Kathryn Demo, Betty Glenn, Lucinda Benedict, Virginia Tanner, Jeanie Brineman, Ella Mae Nelson, Mr. Weber.

THIRD ROW--Betty Wildermuth, Carl Johnson, Norman Blackman, Clifford Jefferis, Bob Zoller, James Smith, Joe Honkoski, Walter Smith, Tom Cogley, Mike Kovalow, Wayne Kimmell, Bud Tatone, Andy Garber.

FOURTH ROW--Jesse Werner, Warren Prince, James Pierce, Harold Ramsay, James Cherrier, Tony Babrowski, Chester Glover, Robert Hyde, Henry Weber, Gene Beach, Wassel Kronokwa.

JUNICR CLASS

The class of '42 has distinguished itself in many fields and has shown that there is great possibility of further accomplishments.

The freshman and sophomore years followed in much the same manner as for other classes--students became acquainted with the customs and traditions of the school, and began planning toward the junior and senior years.

The school year of 1940-41 brought with it the responsibility and privilege of planning for the Junior Prom. The class sponsored a dance November 26 and a roller skating party February 5, both of which were financial projects, as well as opportunities for fun.

"The Blockhead," a three-act comedy by Jules Amhurst, was presented by a cast from this class, Friday, March 21, under the direction of Miss Nelson.

The annual Junior Prom was held in the Marquette Pavilion, on the shores of Lake Michigan, May 2. The scenic background added to the Prom's beauty and dignity. Approximately one hundred students, guests, and alumni danced to the music furnished by Don Lang and his orchestra.

The officers for the year were:

President- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Andrew Garber
Vice-President - - - - - - - - - - -Helen Dorochoff
Secretary- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Mary Baker
Treasurer- - - - - - - - - - - - -Georgianna Hott

Sponsors - - Miss Carr, Miss Leberer, and Mr. Weber

SOPHOMORE CLASS

To Sophomores is granted the privilege of being no longer the "new" ones in Edison. They have become more settled in their plans, and in their choices of subjects, curricula, etc. They have likewise become more financially settled with class dues gradually building a substantial fund.

A party was held in Edison Gym, November 13, with thirty-seven class members present. Airplane bunco and refreshments provided an enjoyable evening for all. The second semester party was held April 29. Various games were played, and frozen custard was served for refreshments. Everyone present had a very pleasant time.

To the Sophomores this year was also granted the privilege of sponsoring a matinee dance, January 21. This served as a social get-together for both alumni and students, as well as a financial benefit for the class.

As the members of the Sophomore Class will soon become Juniors, all look forward with much eagerness to a year filled with class activities.

Officers for the year were the following:

President- - - - - - - - - - - - - -Vivian Krysch
Vice-President - - - - - - - - - - -Virginia Foster
Secretary- - - - - - - - - - - - - - Lillian Kipple
Treasurer- - - - - - - - - - - - - -Robert Clements

Sponsors - - - - - - -Miss Hartley and Mr. Baliff

SOPHOMORE CLASS

FIRST ROW--Virginia Foster, Sara Goetze, Lillian Kipple, Beverly Bratton, Wanda Walczak, Dorothy Harbison, Jane Lindberg, Kathleen Clark, Elwanda Jennings, Dorothy Bender, June Homan, Bonita Reich, Betty Wilson, Betty Tarrant, Norma Clements.

SECOND ROW--Miss Hartley, Louise Haddad, Betty Jacobs, Betty Josephson, Clara Smith, Alverissa Faupel, Doris Kimmell, Jean Kimmell, Mildred Hartsburg, Juliene Baumeister, Vivian Krysch, Geraldine Spears, Clarabelle Loggie, Helen Szostek, Sophie Kosinski, Betty Hollingsworth, Betty Smith, Betty Vitnoske, Mr. Baliff.

THIRD ROW--Arthur Bakalski, Joe Marks, Leonard Holland, Robert Thorne, Roy Miskimins, Ted Puchowski, William Baumeister, Robert Clements, Herbert Walley, James Martin, Roy Courtney, Ben Owen, William Slease, Walter Edgerly, Donald Deuberry, George Pilnock, George Bowman.

FOURTH ROW--Sam Melton, Charles Hamilton, Donald Napier, Russel Milburn, Harold DeVaney, LeRoy Nelson, Jack Coulter, James Cornwell, John Ehlen, Edgar Josephson, Martin Armour, Rowland Fabian, Fred Ehlen, Kenneth Hoots, Edward Pavlecich, Robert McDaniel, Bernard Heibert, Robert Johnson.

FRESHMAN CLASS

FIRST ROW--Margaret Thompson, Mildred Courtney, Lillian Campbell, Virginia Samuelson, Laura Westbury, Betty Karsa, Betty Field, Phyllis Smith, Norma Schleff, Olga Suprow, Rose Haddad, Audrey Kraft, Susie Jacob, Marian Thorne, Mary Prince.

SECOND ROW--Mrs. Brown, Howard Bonner, Doris Johnson, Margaret Welches, Pauline Jana, Betty McKittrick, Betty Kimbrell, Priscilla Dault, Rosemary Frederick, Luella Simonson, Vera Park, Connie Karros, Dorothy Krysch, Glenn Hoskins, Wendell Hodges, Miss Nelson.

THIRD ROW--Richard Skiles, Ernest Demo, Floyd Courtney, Junior Clark, Stanley Kosinski, Larry Vizena, Carroll Ackley, Robert Barry, William Thorgren, William Wilson, John Szostek, John Fuller, Derrill Minard, Walley Divis, Bob Baker,

FOURTH ROW--Robert Munro, Mitchell Morocco, Robert Swift, Kenneth Heck, Charles O'Rourke, Steve Demo, Ronald Silverthorne, James Frederick, Leo Walley, Don Huddeston, Merlin Brineman, Robert Tanner.

FRESHMAN CLASS

Perhaps the greatest task or opportunity offered the Freshmen is that of getting acquainted with each other, with other students, with the faculty, and with the customs and traditions of Edison High School. Because the students in this class came from both Columbus and Central Schools, as well as some outside of East Gary, this was a very important undertaking, and proved to be well done.

Members of this class have gladly and enthusiastically entered into all activities for which they were eligible, and have given generously of their abilities to be of assistance wherever possible.

The only social activity of the class for the year was a party held in the Edison Gym, November 30, for which dancing, bunco, and ping-pong furnished the entertainment.

At the close of this year, all these students are ready to leave the ranks of the Freshmen and enter in earnest the responsibilities given to the Sophomores.

Officers of the class were as follows:

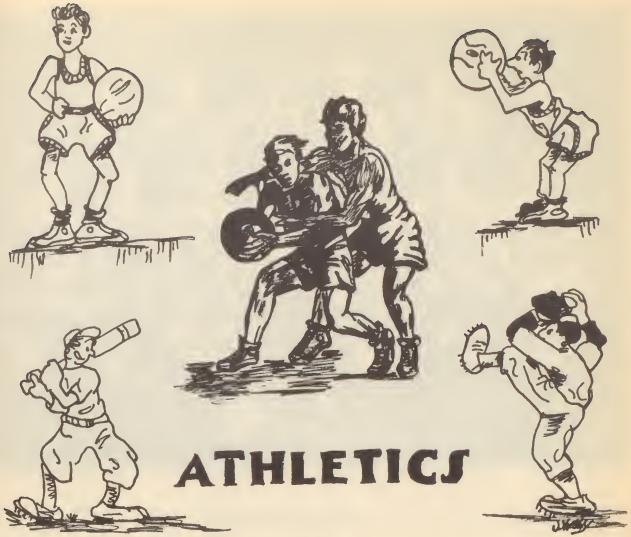
First Semester

President- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Roy Courtney
Vice-President - - - - - - - - - - - Mitchell Morocco
Secretary- - - - - - - - - - - - - -Priscilla Dault
Treasurer- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Jack Coulter

Second Semester

President- - - - - - - - - - - - - - Mitchell Morocco
Secretary- - - - - - - - - - - - - -Priscilla Dault
Treasurer- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Marian Thorne

Sponsors- - - - - - - -Miss Nelson and Mrs. Brown


ATHLETICS

VARSITY BASKETBALL

FIRST ROW--Jack Gunning, Walter Smith, John Borsen, Robert Baker Manager, John Benedict, Jack Bonner, Bill O'Rourke.

SECOND ROW--Coach Doyle Baliff, Victor Kadish, Joe Honkoski, Arthur Bolint, James Smith, Principal Reeder Stroube.

1940 - 41 SCHEDULE

Nov. 8--Wheeler	Jan. 10--Wheeler
Nov. 15--Westfield	Jan. 17--Lowell
Nov. 16--Carmel	Jan. 18--Wirt
Nov. 22--Crown Point	Jan. 24--Tolleston
Nov. 29--Griffith	Jan. 25--Edison of Gary
Dec. 6--Hobart	Jan. 31--Griffith
Dec. 7--Tolleston	Feb. 7--Hobart
Dec. 13--Merrillville	Feb. 14--Portage
Dec. 17--Chesterton	Feb. 19--Crown Point
Dec. 20--Dyer	Feb. 21--Calumet

Dec. 27-28--Holiday Tournament
Feb. 27-28, Mch. 1--Sectional Tournament
Mch. 8--Regional Tournament

EDISON EAGLES

The Edison Eagles of 1940-41 completed one of the most successful seasons in Edison's hardwood history. Because they accumulated twenty-one victories and only seven defeats, they were the co-champions of the Lake-Porter Conference, winners of the Valparaiso Sectional, and winners of the Little Five Holiday Tournament, and because of their splendid performance against Froebel of Gary in the Gary Regional Tournament, we have definite proof of the prowess of this great team.

Returning from last year's squad, Coach Doyle Baliff had six lettermen with whom to work. These boys were Vic Kadish and Art Bolint, centers; John Borsen and Jack Gunning, forwards; and John Benedict and Jesse Price, guards. With boys of such ability, and the addition of Bill O'Rourke, Joe Honkoski, Walter Smith, Jack Bonner, and James Smith, a fine team was formed.

Opening the season with Wheeler, Edison came out ahead by a score of 33-26. In this first game, our Edison fans were given a glimpse of what to expect the remainder of the season. The boys persistent scrapping for the ball, plus the superior ball-handling and coordination, evidenced their desire to win.

After their first victory the Eagles went into the central part of the state to meet Westfield and Carmel. The boys were hard-pressed by Westfield, but excellent playing in the last quarter sent the team into a lead, which they held to win the game 30-25. In meeting Carmel, they had to match baskets with one of the finest teams in central Indiana, and they lost in an overtime game 29-27.

With a taste of defeat the boys then met Crown Point which proved to be a slaughter, as the Edison team led at the end of the third quarter, 21-10. The following game found the team in a nip and tuck battle with Griffith, and when the final whistle blew, Edison had been beaten by a 28-26 score. Then followed two heartbreaking games with Hobart and Tolleston, both of which ended with Edison on the short end of 40-36 and 40-25 scores.

The Eagles then pulled out of their slump by beating Merrillville by a 27-20 score. Incidentally, this was the first conference triumph of the season. In their next showing the boys beat Dyer, who had not been defeated all year, by a 29-28 count.

Entering into the Little Five Conference Tournament, the Eagles had a record of five wins and four defeats, and were never conceded a chance. In this tournament the Eagles struck with everything they had, whipping Hobart, Chesterton, and the favorite Dyer, whom the Eagles had defeated before. In this tournament the Eagles returned with the Victory Ball and the tournament trophy. Edison boys who were chosen on the all-tourney team were John Benedict, guard, John Borsen, forward.

Back from the holidays in tip-top shape, the boys continued their fine record by successively beating Wheeler 49-31, Lowell 36-24, and Wirt 20-10. Tolleston proved to be their stumbling block in the next game by getting a 21-19 decision. With renewed fury the boys settled down to wallop Edison of Gary 37-23, but followed by letting Griffith get a revenge win with a 30-27 score. This was followed by four victories over Hobart, Portage, Crown Point, and Calumet. Thus when entering the Valparaiso Sectional, our Eagles had a fine record of 17 wins and 6 defeats.

Edison opened play with a decisive win over Crown Point and then Hobart. In a semi-final game with Hebron, Joe Honkoski led his team mates in a 50-24 victory over the Hebron five and in the final game the boys took the Merrillville Pirates. Boys chosen on the all-sectional squad included Edison's Joe Honkoski--center, John Borsen--forward, John Benedict--guard.

Entering the Gary Regionals with Froebel, Rolling Prairie, and Rensselaer, the Eagles were the underdogs. In drawing Froebel, Edison had a tough opponent; but, if a victory were possible, people were talking about a state championship for Edison. The play centered around a colored performer, Minor, who was held to six points. The final score read 32-26. In this game our basketeers showed what they were really made of, and defeat was no disgrace. Art Bolint, with his crazy one-handed shot, and rugged Vic Kadish were chosen on the all-Regional tourney team.

East Gary was really proud of these boys, and their games will always bring us happy recollections. As they were the first sectional winners in the history of this school, they deserve all the plaudits and praise heaped upon them. Many honors were bestowed upon the boys, and just they were. Jean Kusky, Helen Dorochoff, Alverissa Faupel, Priscilla Dault, and Bob Swift, Edison's cheer leaders, added greatly in backing the team. We may never see boys play with such coordination, timing, and ability in years to come. Hats off to Coach Baliff, a grand coach who has put out many fine teams. May his teams in the future attain the heights the cage crew reached.

"B" TEAM

The Edison Eaglets of '40-'41 finished the season with fifteen games won and three lost--an average of .833.

After losing the opener 18-13 to the Wheeler Bearcats, the next ten successive games were victories. The winning streak was brought to an abrupt end by the Blue Raiders of Tolleston.

Then came Edison of Gary, who bowed before the power of the mighty Eaglets. Griffith, the ultimate conference winner, beat East Gary by a narrow margin and gave them the only conference set back of the season. This was followed by four more victories, bringing the season to a successful close, and gave Edison second place in the Lake-Porter Conference.

The boys who played on the B Team were Ted Puchowski, Bob Zoller, Mike Kovalow, Tony Bobrowski, Tom Cogley, Andrew Garber, George Bowman, Wassel Kronokwa, John Ehlen, Henry Weber, Russell Milburn, and Benny Owen.

Coach Doyle Baliff piloted the "B" Team through the season, and Nick Marotich served as student manager.

BASEBALL

Centered around the veterans of the previous year, the baseball team of the year 1940-41 tied for second with Merrillville in the Lake-Porter Conference. This team competed in seven games with "nines" of the area and came out victorious in three of them.

The team completed the season with an earned run average of 3.1 runs per game. They had fine pitching and good support on the part of all members of the team. John Borsen led in the batting race with an average of .346 and was followed by Martin Armour and Bill O'Rourke. The team as a whole did not make many hits but they came at the time they were needed. The only team to shut the boys out was the Dyer team, winner of the Lake-Porter Conference.

The boys who received major awards included: John Borsen, outfielder and pitcher; John Benedict, outfielder; Bill O'Rourke, short stop; Captain Bill Baker, outfielder; Wassel Kadish, catcher; Victor Kadish, pitcher; Jack Bonner, pitcher; Walter Smith, third base; James Smith, first base; Tom Cogley, catcher; Jim Martin, outfielder; Mike Kovalov, short stop; Joe Honkoski, outfielder; Martin Armour, outfielder; Roy Courtney, second base. Others included with the group are: Norman Blackman, Tony Bobrowski, Coach Doyle Baliff, and Manager Bob Baker.

WRESTLING

The wrestling team of 1940-41, under the direction of Coach Harold Weber, ended the season with only one victory and five defeats. This may seem to have been a fairly bad season, but when it is taken into consideration the type of opponents with whom they competed, the record is one of which the school may be proud. In each match the opposing team had to go to the very limit to come out ahead.

Returning from last year's highly regarded team, we had such veterans as Wassel Kadish, Bill Ramsay, Harold Ramsay, Bill Slease, Jesse Werner, and one minor award winner, Fred Ehlen. With this fine nucleus to work with, Coach Weber rounded out his team with Frank Hyde, Jim Frederick, Sammy Melton, Jim Pierce, and Walter Edgerly.

The boys got off to a fine start by winning from Hammond Clark's Pioneers. Captain Bill Ramsay, Wassel Kadish, Harold Ramsay, Bill Slease, Jesse Werner, and Fred Ehlen all came through with victories.

In the matches that followed, Edison had individual winners each time, but not enough to come home with team victories. In the following matches the boys put forth everything they had, but it just wasn't enough.

High point man of the year proved to be Bill Slease, a sophomore with fine ability, who was closely followed by Frank Hyde.

Congratulations, boys! You're worthy of wearing the red and black!

Wrestling Schedule

Hammond Clark	26-18
Hammond High	10-38
Hammond Clark	13-33
Washington, East Chicago	8-21
Washington, East Chicago	13-24
Hammond High	10-31

E MEN'S CLUB

In the fall of 1939, a group of athletes, with the help of Coach Doyle Bailiff and Coach Harold Weber, met to form a lettermen's club, to be composed of athletes who had won awards in previous years. The "E Men's Club" was duly organized and a constitution was drawn up and ratified by the members.

The club officers to be chosen were president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. The club's purpose is to create more unity and friendship among the lettermen, to create more interest in athletics, and in every way further the athletic program of Edison High School. The only requirement of a student to become a member is to have earned a major letter in one of our major sports: baseball, basketball, track, or wrestling.

A meeting is held once each month and others as the president sees fit and necessary. The secretary-treasurer keeps an account of all the proceedings, records all payments in, or drafts upon the club. He keeps a record of all meetings and posts bulletins to announce all particulars for meetings, and carries on all correspondence for the club.

The first year the club's officers were: president-John Shakula, vice-president-Steve Fedorchak, and secretary-treasurer-Charles Garber. This first year saw the successful cooperation between our athletes which was a definite asset to our student body.

The club for the year 1940-41 began with the election of John Borsen-president, John Benedict-vice-president, and Bill Baker-secretary-treasurer. The members made no change in the constitution, but were very active otherwise. Members for this year, besides the officers, included: Wassel Kadish, Bill O'Rourke, Jack Gunning, Arthur Bolint, Victor Kadish, Richard Anderson, Bill Ramsay, Walter Smith, James Smith, Joe Honkoski, Harold Ramsay, Jesse Werner, Tony Bobrowski, and William Sloase.

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SUNSHINE SOCIETY

The Indiana Sunshine Society, an organization for high-school girls, originated in Crawfordsville under the supervision of Miss Anna Wilson about forty-one years ago. From a small beginning it has grown to more than two-hundred chapters in the state and one chapter in Illinois. The local chapter was installed October 29, 1934 by Miss Eshelman, the sponsor. Since its inception, the membership has included all of the girls in Edison.

Mrs. C. E. Sandefur, of North Vernon, has served as the State Dean for a number of years. There are five districts in the state with a district dean serving in each. In October, 1939, Miss Eshelman was elected Dean of District V to serve for a period of three years.

The local chapter this year had an enrollment of one hundred ten girls. The following were officers: President, Lorraine Byman; Vice-President, Grace Ward; Secretary, Sara Goetze; Treasurer, Ann Frederick; Program Chairman, Belle Coulter; Sick Committee Chairman, Georgiana Hott; Service Chairman, Lillian Kipple; Scrapbook Chairman, Betty Glenn; Sponsor, Miss Eshelman.

On Saturday, October 12, twenty-nine girls and the sponsor represented Edison at the District Convention held at Delphi. The annual roller-skating party took place on October 18 at the Atlas Rink in Chesterton. This provided a good time (with some spills and tumbles!) and also netted a nice profit.

The officers and sponsor, in a beautiful candle-lighting service, installed a new chapter at Plymouth, Sunday afternoon,

Christmas time proved to be Sunshine time! Many of the girls gave remembrances to the high-school girls in the Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Also gifts and articles of clothing were given to about thirty local children. For the first time the girls decorated the halls with greenery and colors appropriate for Christmas. The landing between the second and third floors was a home scene with a fireplace and Christmas tree. Just preceding the Christmas vacation, carols were sung in the halls of both Edison and Central. For the convocation program, the newly organized Sunshine Chorus sang "The Wondrous Story," a cantata by Richard Kountz.

Thirty-one Edison girls attended the State Convention at Tipton, March 29. On April 17 an evening of "Melody and Mirth" was presented--the two one-act comedies, "Sister Sue" and "A Ghostly Evening," and a miscellaneous program of music by the Sunshine Chorus. The girls were ably assisted in pre-

senting the plays by some of the Edison boys. The casts included: Beatrice Thoeson, Sara Goetze, Betty Vitnoski, Richard Anderson, Betty Josephson, Jerry Sobraske, Olga Suprow, Clifford Jefferis, Dorothy Bender, Carl Johnson, Grace Ward, Belle Coulter, Warren Prince, Virginia Foster, Smith Goetze, and Jack Husted. The chorus program included: "The Bells of St. Mary's"--Adams; "Gypsy Love Song"--Herbert; "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes"--Chapman; "Old Fashioned Garden"-Porter; "Tea for Two"--Youmans; "The Little French Clock"--Kountz.

The Annual Mother-Alumnae Reception was held May 9, with about one hundred fifty guests attending. A variety program of music and readings was enjoyed, and an installation service for next year's officers was held.

Early Wednesday morning, May 21, the annual Sunrise Service and Breakfast was enjoyed on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Betty Glenn and Belle Coulter attended Sunshine Camp in 1940, and Georgiana Hott and Sara Goetze have been chosen to attend the '41 Camp at Camp Tecumseh on the beautiful Tippecanoe.

The Sunshine Treasure Chest has been filled this year with Sunshine, Understanding, Nobility, Success, Health, Individualism, Naturalness, and Enthusiasm--topics discussed at the regular monthly meetings.

It has indeed been a busy year, but nevertheless a most happy one!

SUNSHINE SOCIETY

FIRST ROW--Louise Haddad, Betty Vitnoski, Shirley Cherrier, Joan MacDonald, Doris Kimmel, Vivian Krysch, Jean Kimmel, Sara Goetze, Lorraine Byman, Miss Eshelman, Ann Frederick, Grace Ward, Donna Mansfield, Jo Ellen Leasure, Helen Bashick, Mildred Barbknecht, Olga Suprow, Susie Jacob.

SECOND ROW--Juliene Baumeister, Marguerite Eberhardt, Virginia Samuelson, Betty Smith, Margaret Welches, Lillian Campbell, Luella Simonson, Dorothy Harbison, June Campbell, Ella Mae Nelson, Jean Kusky, Lucille Jacobs, Mary Tarrant, Peggy Boyden, Natalie Izynski, Edna Mae Omey, Norma Clements, Priscilla Dault, Laura Westbury, Norma Jaster, Betty Wilson, Helen Schulze, Beatrice Thoeson, Mary Baker, Billie Kimbrell, Manone Synn, Dorothy Krysch, Betty McKittrick, Sue Marks.

THIRD ROW--Betty Kimbrell, Margaret Thompson, Mildred Courtney, Norma Schleff, Pauline Jana, Mildred Hartsburg, Vera Park, Betty Karsa, Betty Josephson, Alverissa Faupel, Clara Smith, Agnes Maretich, Wanda Walzak, Mary Tanner, Lucinda Benedict, Wanda Bakalski, Clarabelle Loggie, Helen Szostek, Clara Izynski, Marian Thorne, Esther Harmon, Connie Karros, Jeanie Brineman, Betty Wildermuth, Betty Hollingsworth, Betty Tarrant, Betty Glenn, Sophie Kosinski.

FOURTH ROW--Kathleen Clark, Jane Lindberg, Evelyn Clark, Virginia Foster, Virginia Tanner, Mary Prince, Helen Zuri, Kathryn Demo, Irene Jacob, Elwanda Jennings, Dorothy Bender, Marguerite Young, Betty Jacobs, Rose Haddad, Phyllis Smith, Betty Field, Helen Dorochoff, Geraldine Spears, Bonita Reich, June Homan, Georgiana Hott, Audrey Kraft, Rosemary Frederick, Patty Minard, Lucille Owen, Belle Coulter, Beverly Bratton, Lillian Kipple.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

FIRST ROW--Jane Lindberg, Helen Dorochoff, Jean Kusky, Miss Leberer, Wanda Bakalska, Betty Wildermuth, Jeanie Brineman.

SECOND ROW--Dorothy Harbison, Elwanda Jennings, Georgiana Hott, Grace Ward, Clara Izynski, Lucinda Benedict, Betty Glenn, Esther Harmon, Agnes Maretich, June Homan.

THIRD ROW--Kathleen Clark, Dorothy Bender, Alverissa Faupel, Clara Smith, Betty Hollingsworth, Bonita Reich, Geraldine Spears, Clarabelle Loggie, Betty Field.

G. A. A.

Under the leadership of Miss Viola Englehardt, the Girls' Athletic Association was organized in the fall of 1939 with approximately thirty-five members. All joined in the sports for much fun, and many tournaments in basketball and recreational sports were held. Awards were earned by most of the girls.

The following are the officers and chairmen for the year 1940-41:

President - - - - - - - - Wanda Bakalski
Vice-President- - - - - Betty Wildermuth
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - Jean Kusky
Treasurer - - - - - - - -Helen Dorochoff
Sponsors- - - Miss Carr and Miss Leberer
Baseball- - - - - - - - Geraldine Spears
Deck Tennis - - - - - - - - -Olga Suprow
Tumbling- - - - - - - - - Bonita Reich
Volley Ball - - - - - - - Georgiana Hott
Basketball- - - - - - - Lucinda Benedict
Bowling - - - - - - - - -Esther Harman

Other activities enjoyed, included social dancing, horseshoes, recreational sports, hiking, bicycling, and roller and ice skating.

December 12 was the day for the initiation of the following members: Betty Field, Alverissa Faupel, Clara Smith, Phyllis Smith, Elwanda Jennings, Dorothy Harbison, Lillian Campbell, Rosemary Frederick, and Margaret Thompson.

The Edison G. A. A., March 15, were hostesses to the Clinton Township High G. A. A. Clinton Township won both the basketball and volley ball games that day.

The G. A. A. sponsored a farewell party for Miss Carr, who had been the sponsor for the past year and a half, on Monday, March 17. Decorations carried out the spirit of St. Patrick, and group games were entered into with much eagerness by all of the girls.

Awards earned this year are as follows: state awards--Jean Kusky, Beulah Melton, and Jeanie Brineman; letters--Wanda Bakalski, Lucinda Benedict, Jeanie Brineman, Helen Dorochoff, Agnes Maretich, and Betty Wildermuth; monograms--June Homan, Bonita Reich, Helen Schulze, and Geraldine Spears.

EDISON COMMERCIAL CLUB

Although the Edison Commercial Club is comparatively a new organization and was organized the second semester of last school year, it has a membership of forty students in the commercial department. Membership in the club is voluntary; however, it is restricted to students in the commercial department.

Meetings were held monthly, and subjects in regard to business that were of interest to commercial students were discussed, as one purpose of the club is to give students the opportunity to discuss problems and topics relative to business that are not covered in the regular classes offered in our school.

Last fall, members of the club had the privilege of taking a worth-while tour through the Gary Post-Tribune plant and the Gary State Bank. The students saw the actual operation and routine process of work of these two types of business. A demonstration on the stenotype machine and also machine calculation was given at the last meeting.

As for social life, members of the club had a very enjoyable time at two parties, one party each semester, the first being a Christmas party and the second being held this spring.

Through the untiring efforts of Miss Hartley, teacher in the commercial department, this club has prospered nicely.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President . . . . . Dorothy Crago

Vice-President. . . . . Belle Coulter

Secretary . . . . . .Donna Mansfield

Treasurer . . . . . .Helen Dorochoff

COMMERCIAL CLUB

FIRST ROW--Patty Minard, Lucille Owen, Virginia Tanner, Miss Hartley, Helen Dorochoff, Belle Coulter, Donna Mansfield, Esther Harmon.

SECOND ROW--Clara Izynski, Wanda Bakalski, Andrew Garber, Wassel Kronokwa, Robert Zoller, Frank Sabo, Walter Smith, Mike Kovalow, Lorraine Byman, Norma Jaster.

THIRD ROW--Georgiana Hott, Marguerite Young, Jean Kusky, Grace Ward, Lucinda Benedict, Ella Mae Nelson, Betty Glenn, Mary Baker, Billie Kimbrell, Mary Tarrant, Helen Schulze, Lucille Jacobs, Kathryn Demo.

SENIOR BAND

CLARINETS--Clifford Jefferis, Warren Prince, Jack Walley, Norma Clements, Doris Jean Kimmell, Alverissa Faupel, Roby Hott, Jean Kimmell, Mildred Hartsburg, Betty Tarrant, Junior Izynski, Robert Barrie.
FLUTES--Shirley Hoskins, Lois Tarrant, Marian Thorne.
BASSOON--Elizabeth Podner.
OBOE--Edward Pavlecich.
ALTO CLARINET--Susie Jacobs.
ALTO SAXOPHONE--Mary Tarrant, Bud Tatone, Gene Beach, Delores Addison.
TENOR SAXOPHONE--Robert Swift.
SOPRANO SAXOPHONE--Jerry Sobraske.
HORNS--Sara Goetze, Mary Prince, Dolly Haddad.
BARITONE--Rose Haddad.
TROMBONES--Herbert Walley, Rowland Fabian, Jack Gunning, Ben Owen.
BASSES--William Mundorf, Tommy Martin.
CORNETS--Alfred Fabian, Carl Johnson, Robert Thorne, Betty Moy, Dale Cobble, Robert Clements, Lillian Kipple.
DRUMS--Billy Martin, Robert Zoller, Betty Glenn.
TWIRLERS--Ruth Baker, Wanda Bakalski, Shirley Childs, Katherine Demo, Helen Dorochoff, Barbara Garber, Nell Patterson, Herbert Hoots, Catherine Ponder, Betty Wright.
DIRECTOR--Bruce Brubaker.

SENIOR BAND

The Edison High School Band is in its third year, having been organized two years ago last September. It grew from thirteen members to forty-five members at the end of the first year.

During its first year the band made several appearances and gave a full length concert. It also entered the District Class "D" Band Contest for beginning bands and won second division while competing with several bands that were much older.

During the second year the band, besides the annual concert and many other appearances, participated in the Class "C" District Contest at La Porte, won First Division and a straight "A" rating from all three judges, and fine compliments. In doing so, it defeated many bands much older and much larger. At the State Contest at Whiting the band won Second Division from a field of eighteen contestants, and received many congratulations for outstanding accomplishment in only two years of work. Because of these two victories, the band received one plaque and each band member received two medals.

The band at present consists of forty-four members, approximately two-thirds of whom are grade students. The band is supplemented by a group of white-satin uniformed baton twirlers. The band competed in the District Contest at Hebron on April 19, but did not place as a winner this year. The annual spring concert was given on May 8th, and the program included, besides contest music, "Pavanne" by Gould and "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise".

This year the band has more outstanding individuals than ever before. Both Clifford Jefferis and Warren Prince won first Division in the district and state solo and ensemble contest in B flat clarinet solo, and likewise Betty Josephson in piano. The clarinet quartet, consisting of Clifford Jefferis, Warren Prince, Alverissa Faupel, and Jack Walley also won first in the district and state contests. All state contest winners went to the National Regional Contest at Flint, Michigan. Lorraine Byman, National Champion harpist in Class "B" went to the National Regional because of two consecutive National wins. In this National Regional Contest, Clifford Jefferis won first division in Class C, Warren Prince, second, and the quartet, third. Lorraine Byman won first division in Class B as harpist. Other contest winners were Alfred Fabian and Dale Cobble, who both won first Division in the District Junior Cornet Solo Contest and second in the state. Jack Walley, Edward Pavlecich, Herbert Walley, and Billy Martin also participated in the solo contest at Hobart.

The Band has been ably and enthusiastically supported by the Band Boosters--an organization of interested persons in the community. Mr. Bruce Brubaker, director, has been with the Band for three years.

JUNIOR PLAY

"The Blockhead," a three-act comedy by Jules Amhurst, concerned a will--one of the strangest documents ever written. Imagine leaving a million dollars to the most stupid person in your family! But the uncle had good reasons! When the hero got the money, certainly through no effort of his own, his relatives nicknamed him "The Blockhead". When one considers he actually gave his inheritance away first to a crackpot inventor who never invented anything; second, to a poet who never wrote a poem; and third to a financier who wanted to "improve society"--when one finds he thanked his own cousin for firing him from his job, and then he was committed to an insane asylum which he thought was a summer resort--the title was explained!

The cast of characters for the play follows:

Justus Chamberlain, a bank clerk in his late twenties--
- -Mike Kovalov
Willibald Beck, a clerk in a book store about twenty-five---
- Robert Zoller
Gerhard Beck, an engineer in his late twenties--
- Wassel Kronokwa
Kurt Englehard, a lawyer in the early thirties, elegantly
dressed- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Andrew Garber
Elizabeth Schirmer, tries to make herself attractive to the
opposite sex- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Donna Mansfield
Mrs. Schirmer, Elizabeth's mother, highly emotional and very
selfish- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Virginia Tanner
Bohrmann, a judge's assistant- - - - - - - - - -Jesse Werner
Judge Aelshchlager, the judge who reads the will--
- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Lucinda Benedict
Doris Weigand, an American heiress rooming at Mrs.
Schirmer's- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Norma Jaster
Lucy Hansel, Doris's companion- - - - - - - - - -Betty Glenn
Rosa, the Schirmer maid- - - - - - - - - - - -Evelyn Clark

SENIOR PLAY

"One Mad Night", a mystery farce in three acts, was presented by a cast of Seniors, May 21. The Entire play took place in "One Mad Night" and what a night!

Don Cutter, a playwright, accompanied by Wing, his proverb-quoting Chinese valet, went to the lonely Cutter Mansion to complete his latest play. Don was astonished when he found the house tenanted by a number of very strange people, including "John Alden", "Priscilla", "Mr. Hyde", and "Lady Macbeth." They were lunatics, under the care of Dr. Bunn, whose home nearly had burned down; they were really quite harmless, but Don didn't know this. Among the inmates was Lucille, a beautiful girl with an amazing story of persecution and intrigue. Like a true Lochinvar, Don was just about to ride to her rescue when his fiancee and her mother put in their appearance with the colored maid Depression. Then everything happened--talking ghosts, screaming women, disappearing guests, and, for a climax, the appearance on the scene of an escaped murderer fleeing for his life. Don succeeded in rescuing the lovely Lucille from a sinister fate only after a series of thrilling, funny escapades.

Cast of Characters

Don Cutter----------Carl Baumeister
Wing----------Richard Anderson
Priscilla----------Ann Frederick
Lady Macbeth----------Lorraine Byman
John Alden----------Smith Goetze
Mr. Hyde----------Dale Bonner
Dr. Bunn----------Merle Conry
Lucille Marcy----------Belle Coulter
Mrs. Kluck----------Helen Bashick
Gertrude Finch----------Manone Lynn
Mrs. Finch----------Jean Kusky
Depression----------Edna Mae Omey
Artemus Burke----------William Ramsay
Siletto----------Jack Husted

"EAGLE FEATHERS"

This year marks the fourth edition of our school paper, which was started by some of our students under the direction of Mr. Wenger, sponsor, and Miss Hartley, Publication sponsor. At first, the name of the school paper was "Spotlight", but it was changed to "Eagle Feathers" during this year.

Members of the dramatics class and other members of the senior class have been responsible for this publication, which is mimeographed in the commercial department every two weeks and distributed to all students in the high school.

The school paper is financed by the ads of local merchants, to whom we are greatly indebted for their kind cooperation.

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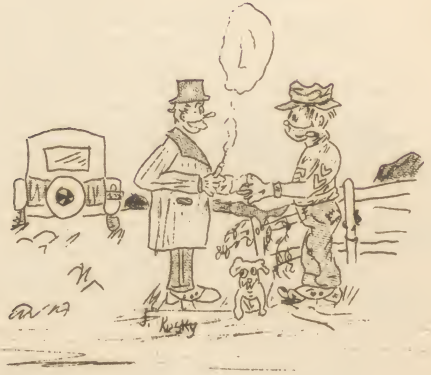

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

It has proved to be a difficult task to find out about the Alumni of Edison. For all possible, we have listed the place of employment and then the residence. We would greatly appreciate information about any of our Alumni, and feel sure this would facilitate the work for another year.

The Committee

1934

Lois Borsell Edwards--East Gary, Indiana
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Margaret Michaels Strong--Independence Hill, Crown Point, Ind.
Mary Pavlocich--Stofko's Store--East Gary, Indiana
Ellen Puchowski--Goldblatt's (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Rhoda Ranger Severance--Hobart, Indiana
Mary Rebock Guerre--Gary (Miller) Indiana
L. J. Rosenfield--Steel Mill, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Howard Strong--Steel Mill--Independence Hill, Crown Point, Ind.
Alex Szostok--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Bernice Villiaume Stroube--East Gary, Indiana
Marie Williams Roberts--Gary, Indiana
Lloyd Young--Conoco Company--Gary (Miller), Indiana

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Elwood Addison--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
LaDonne Anderson Michaels--East Gary, Indiana
Chris Bonner--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Howard Conry--Navy, First Class Yeoman, U.S.S. Morris, Hawaii
John Domo--Inland Steel--East Gary, Indiana
Edward Friedel--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Billy Frost--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Raymond Gulach--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Joanette Hass----------East Gary, Indiana
Richard Hass--Deceased
Sylvia Hamilton Niehaus--East Gary, Indiana

Robert Heck--Steel Mill--Gary (Liverpool), Indiana
Anita Hooper Schroeder--Hobart, Indiana
Coral Jefferis Bambrough--Gary, Indiana
Kenneth Jenkins--American Bridge--Hobart, Indiana
Claude Johnston--Steel Mill--Hobart, Indiana
Pearl Kronokwa Wirtes--Gary, Indiana
Anna Kusky Cantwell--Gary (Miller), Indiana
Joyce Malone Ols--Gary, Indiana
Joyce MacDonald--East Gary, Indiana
Laura Kate McBride--Nurse, Mercy Hospital, Gary, Indiana
Holon Olson--Gary Railways--East Gary, Indiana
Kenneth Owens--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Leo St. Germain--Berezner's Furs (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Doris Tarrant--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
John Strong--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Vernon Vinton Hass--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Gene Vizena Nygra--Traveling with Roller Derby
Ted Warren--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana

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Maynard Ackley--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Doris Blackman Michael--Gary, Indiana
Gayle Bonner O'Brien--East Gary, Indiana
William Bonner--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Andy Bumbera--Army
Elizabeth Burnett Sonntag--East Gary, Indiana
Mollie Caughron Bonner--East Gary, Indiana
Carmon Courtney--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Catherine Corcoran Young--Gary (Miller), Indiana
Helen Domo--East Gary, Indiana
Matthew Fojes--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Margaret Garbor Kollotar--Gary, Indiana
Charles Jacob--Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
Dewey Johnson--General Building Co. (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
DuWett Johnson--Cloverleaf Ice Cream (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Hazel Michaels--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Phyllis Minard--Town Hall--East Gary, Indiana
Sophie Nopsa--Sears, Roebuck (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Theresa Pavlocich--Gronnwald's--East Gary, Indiana
Mildred Pierce Owens--East Gary, Indiana
Dorothy Rosenfield Bristow--Chesterton, Indiana
Lester Shearer--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
John Stofko--Stofko's Store--East Gary, Indiana
Filomena Tatone Zabinski--East Gary, Indiana
Stella Warona--------East Gary, Indiana
Andrew Zack--Army, Camp Sholby, Mississippi
Hattie Zakrewski-----Bear Brand (Gary)
Anthony Zowal--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana

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Robert J. Bonner--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Marion Bohroer--Steel Mill--Hobart, Indiana

Robert Brinoman--Atlanta, Georgia
Tod Civiklinski--Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
Winifred Cory--Nurse, St. Lukes Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
Helen Courtney--Meister's Drug Store--East Gary, Indiana
Catherine Culbertson--East Gary, Indiana
Elmer Daly--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
June Daniels--Garyton, Indiana
Julia Demo--Jack Spratt's (Miller)--East Gary, Indiana
Julius Dolnics--Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
Elmer Gee-Army
Josephine Hamilton--East Gary, Indiana
Lowell Hartley--Jerry's Conoco Station--East Gary, Indiana
Milford Havens--Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
Juliana Helmecy Otvos--San Francisco, California
Wilbur Hoots--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Otto Ray Hursey--Army--Georgia
Elwood Kimmell--Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana
Virginia Krusa--Probation Office in Gary--East Gary, Indiana
David Leo--Schuberth's--East Gary, Indiana
Maxine Link--East Gary, Indiana
Mary Elaine Meier Walley--East Gary, Indiana
Steve Metz--Mechanic (Pontiac Garage-Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Grace Miller--Office of East Gary Schools--East Gary, Indiana
Eugene Munderf--Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana
Lola Montgomery Wolfe--East Gary, Indiana
Mary Nopsa--Teacher--East Gary, Indiana
Howard Owens--W. P. A. Office (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Walter Ranger--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Edward Sadelack--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Ernest Salamon--Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
John Weber--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
George Wilson--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Eleanor Vittitoe------Hobart, Indiana
Geraldine Wright--County Treasurer's Office--East Gary, Indiana

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Beth Ackley Wagner--East Gary, Indiana
Jean Ackley--North Park College, Chicago, Illinois
Harold Addison--Steel Mill--Crown Point, Indiana
Chester Aydelotte--Steel Mill--Garyton, Indiana
Robert T. Bonnor--Chanute Field--Rantoul, Illinois
Richard Borsen--Army, Camp Shelby, Mississippi
James Caughron--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Robert Callahan--E. J. and E. Railroad--Gary, Indiana
Fred Compass--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Gerald Cross--Armour Technical, Chicago, Illinois
Rex Davis--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Irene Demo--East Gary, Indiana
Rudy Dittrich--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Bernadine Ershick Klisz--R.R.1, Hobart, Indiana
LaVerne Hartley--Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, Ind.
William Homoky--Army Air Corps--Rantoul, Illinois
Steve Jacobs--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana

Marguerite Jacobs--Shriners' Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
Edwin Johnson--Steel Mill--Gary (Liverpool), Indiana
Ted Kimmell--Naval Air Corps, Norfolk, Virginia
John Kronokwa--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Bessie Melton--Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
Ruth Owen--Grantham's Auto Corp. (Gary), East Gary, Indiana
Joseph Pavlocich--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
J. Osborn Pierce--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Mary Pilnock--East Gary, Indiana
Nena Pronzo Del Pra--Gary, Indiana
Viola Shirey Davis--Gary (Miller), Indiana
Stanley Szostek--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Martha Tanner Fulton--Gary, Indiana
John R. Thompson--Army, Boston, Massachusetts
Vera Williams--East Gary, Indiana
Walter Zowal--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana

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William Anderson--Marines, San Diego, California
Robert Barbknecht--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Lawrence Barello--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Charles Bonner--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Joseph Bonner--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Joyce Bonner--Court House (Crown Point)--East Gary, Indiana
Gladys Brown--Restaurant (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Rosabelle Brinoman Snapp--Ridgely's--Gary, Indiana
Margaret Boyd Gear--Gary, Indiana
Robert Conry--Navy, San Diego, California
Marianna Courtney Czilli--East Gary, Indiana
Audree Daugherty Carnegie--East Gary, Indiana
Harold Dwyer--Army
Michael Fedorchak--Army, Maryland
Dora Ann Flatt--Mercy Hospital, Urbana, Illinois
John Garson--Army, Panama
Marie Greer Eberhardt--East Gary, Indiana
Martha Haddad Babarik--East Gary, Indiana
George Helmecy--Carpenter--East Gary, Indiana
William Hughes--Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
Steve Jurkovich--Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
Michael Kusky--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Leona Link--News Review--East Gary, Indiana
Phillips McBride--Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Tommy McBride--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Betty McDaniel--Olson's Advertising Agency, Gary, Indiana
John McDaniel--Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Edna Miller--Green Acres, Crown Point, Indiana
Lorraine Miller--Mill (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Helen Molnar--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Mike Morocco--Garage (Hobart)--East Gary, Indiana
William Moy--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Monroe Price--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
George Puchowski--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Helen Rosenfield--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana

Holone Sabo--Bear Brand (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Frank Salamon--Gary College, and Steel Mill--Gary, Indiana
Holen Schaefer--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Madelyn Sloane Mallonee--East Gary, Indiana
Earl St. Germain--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Charlotte Szostek--Slick's (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Clomentina Tatone--Gary, Indiana
Elizabeth Thompson--East Gary, Indiana
Dorothy Thorgren Zimmer--Hobart, Indiana
Lucille Wagner--East Gary, Indiana
Pauline Wagner--Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, Ind.
George Walker--Garyton, Indiana
Nick Warona--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
John Wilson--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Naomi Zoller Caughron--East Gary, Indiana

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Shirley Adams--East Gary, Indiana
Betty Babarik--East Gary, Indiana
Claronce Barnes--U. S. Navy, Hawaii
Marcella Bolha--Bear Brand (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Maybelle Bowman--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Marian Boydon--East Gary, Indiana
Verna Bumbera--Bear Brand (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Betty Callahan--Ohio and West Virginia
Joseph Cameron--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Frances Corcoran--Mercy Hospital, Gary, Indiana
Arthur Crisman--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Isabel Crocker--Methodist Hospital, Gary, Indiana
Mary Lou Dault--Karsa's Store--East Gary, Indiana
Richard Davis--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Steve Fedorchak--Army, Camp Sholby, Mississippi
Charles Garber--Camp Sholby, Mississippi
William Haddad--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Paul Harbison--U. S. Navy, Boston, Massachusetts
Louis Homoky--Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois
Joy Keele--Bear Brand--Gary, Indiana
Earline Kimbrell--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Ann Kronokwa--Grocery (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Edward Krusa--E. J. and E. Railroad--East Gary, Indiana
Constance Loamy--Hollywood, California
Mardelle Lindberg--Bear Brand (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Marguerite McChesney--Mercy Hospital, Gary, Indiana
Essie Mae McDaniel--Bear Brand (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Harold O'Rourke--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Mildred Patterson--Gary Business College--East Gary, Indiana
Nina Quilling--Gary State Bank Building--East Gary, Indiana
John Shakula--Camp Sholby, Mississippi
Leslie Shirey--Isaakson's Garage, Hobart, Indiana
Richard Snell--Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Harold Winn--Gary College, and Steel Mill--East Gary, Indiana
Robert Wise--Screw and Bolt Works (Gary)--East Gary, Indiana
Joseph Zowal--Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

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A little while before we leave this place
We fain would linger 'mongst deserted halls
Rememb'ring each familiar, friendly face,
Musing o'er joys, we knew within these walls.

A little while we'd stop, to think once more
Of the momentous day so long ago,
When we as freshmen, first approached this door
Scarce dreaming of how much we'd some day know.

A little while we fain would linger yet
Recalling hours of victory so sweet,
Yet blending with our pride a vague regret
For those rare times our banner knew defeat.

A little while before we call 'well done'
Our training for the tasks we have to meet,
We'd like to retrace school careers once more,
And round out all the things left incomplete.

A little while before we leave our school
And teachers who have given us their best,
We'd like to prove our worth to carry out
The principles of living they have stressed.

A little while we'd pause - and try to tell
Just what we're feeling in our hearts today.
A little while we'd pause, then say - farewell!
The hour has come! We must be on our way.

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